the Government, as reiterated by the University Grants Commission (UGC) from time to time, the Central Universities are required to provide 15% and 7 1/2% reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes respectively in admission to all courses. The following steps have been taken by the UGC to ensure implementation of reservation policy by the Central Universities:

(i) SC/ST Cells have been established in the Central Universities to safeguard interests of SC/ST candidates.

(ii) A Monitoring Committee has been set up to review, inter-alia, the progress made by the Universities in the matter of admission of students belonging to SC/STs in all courses offered by different Universities and to suggest measures for effective implementation of reservation policy.

(iii) The Commission has been circulating guidelines from time to time advising the Universities to adhere to the Government policy in this regard.

Need for Technical and Management Institutes

1912. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards a pressing a need for a greater number of technical management education institutes in the country;

(b) whether such institutes will meet the wide demand for skilled professionals in commerce and industry in the current economic scenario;

(c) whether Government propose to take some steps in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) is a statutory authority for ensuring qualitative and quantitative growth of technical and management education in the country. The Council through its scheme of National Technical Manpower Information System (NTMIS) prepares up-to-date and meaningful manpower projections on a continuous basis for planned growth in various fields of technical education system, for meeting the demands of skilled professionals in user agencies. AICTE has so far approved a total number of 563 degree level and 1384 diploma level institutions in the country.

जनजातीय तथा ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में खेलों का विकास

1913. **श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी:** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने देश में विशेषकर जनजातीय तथा ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में खेलों के विकास तथा प्रबंध के लिए नये दिशा-निर्देश बनाए हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या गत कुछ वर्षों से राष्ट्रीय तथा अंतर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर देश के खेलों के प्रदर्शन का स्तर गिरता जा रहा है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने खेलों के गिरते हुए स्तर में सुधार लाने के लिए कौन-कौन से प्रभावी कदम उठाए हैं, और

(ङ) क्या सरकार ने खिलाड़ियों में अनुशासन कायम रखने के लिए कोई समिति गठित करने का निर्णय लिया है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुकुल वासनिक): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) आगामी प्रमुख अंतरराष्ट्रीय चैम्पियनशिप/खेलों में भारत के प्रदर्शन में सुधार करने के उद्देश्य से